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WASHINGTON - U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) Vice Chair Felice D. Gaer will [testify](#) on Wednesday, July 13, before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus Members' Briefing titled, "The Human Rights Situation in Egypt: An Overview." Commissioner Gaer, who participated in a Commission trip to Egypt, will testify on the situation of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief in Egypt and implications for U.S. policy, including findings and recommendations that were detailed in the Commission's recently-released [Policy Focus: Egypt](#). The hearing will be held in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2200, at 3:30 p.m.

What: Congressional Human Rights Caucus Members' Briefing, "The Human Rights Situation in Egypt: An Overview"□

□ **When: Wednesday, July 13, 2005, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**□

□ Where: □ Rayburn □ House Office Building □ , Room 2200

Policy Focus: Egypt is available on the Commission's web site at www.uscifr.gov. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Caroline McIntyre at 202-523-3240

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The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress.

Michael Cromartie

- Felice D. Gaer